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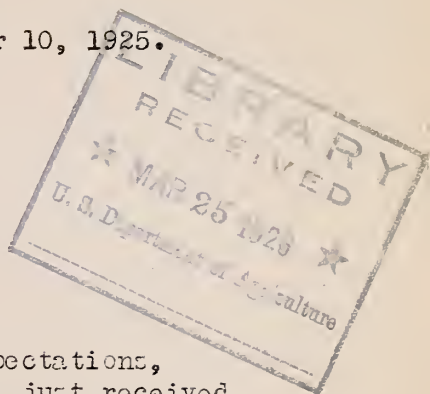
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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

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ENGLISH APPLE CROP EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS



The size of the English apple crop is exceeding expectations, and the quality is the best in years, according to a cable just received in the Department of Agriculture from Edwin Smith, the Department's fruit marketing specialist, who has just returned to Europe. Prices range from three to seven shillings per bushel or the equivalent of \$0.72 to \$1.68. The market is over supplied with cooking apples. Everything considered, Mr. Smith is of the opinion that consignments of green or low quality fruit from the United States, should be restricted during the next 30 days, until the pressure of supplies is somewhat lightened. Heavy exports of eastern apples now arriving in England are in generally poor condition with many slack barrels.

While the English apple crop, as a whole, is turning out much better than had been expected, the crop in the West of England is very light, according to a report received in the Department of Agriculture from Consul S. Reid Thompson at Bristol. Estimates based on late September conditions range from 30 to 50 per cent of a normal yield. Somerset farmers report heavy losses through falling. The crop in this country and Gloucestershire will be about 35 per cent of average. The Bristol region ordinarily imports apples from Northern France, but with France having a short crop this year, it is expected that increased exports from the United States, Canada, and Australia will be necessary to supply the needs of this region.

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